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Clinton County Job and Family Services
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AND CONFIRMATION

FOSTER, ADOPTIVE AND KINSHIP CAREPROVIDERS OF PUBLIC CHILDREN SERVICES AGENCIES

Register via the SWORTC
website:

www.ocwtp.com/swortc.htm

If you have difficulty
registering for training
contact the RTC at
513-946-1263

PRIVATE AGENCY CARE PROVIDERS

Foster, Adoptive and Kinship
Parents licensed through a
private agency must register
through their agency's
training liaison. That agency
must have a current contract
in place with the Southwest
Ohio Regional Training
Center.

**Agency Training Liaisons
can call
513-946-1263**

WAITING LISTS

Once the registration limit for a workshop is reached, that session is closed. If you register after this point, your name is placed on a waiting list and you'll be contacted as cancellations allow. If we receive 10 extra registrations for a workshop, we will repeat it the next quarter.

ATTENTION! NO CHILD CARE PROVIDED!

Due to the sensitive nature of the training workshops, children are not permitted into training. Please make child care arrangements for your children prior to attending training. Thank you in advance for your help.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

TRAINING CREDIT

The Southwest RTC, as part of the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program, is an Approved Provider of continuing professional education for licensed social workers (**RSX 0088728**) and for licensed counselors (**RCX 039201**). Training certificates for workshops designated for continuing education hours for counselors will carry both approval numbers. Participants may not use the same workshop to satisfy renewal requirements for both licenses.

To receive credit for training and a certificate, **you must be present for the entire workshop** and complete the evaluation form provided at the end.

CULTURAL COMPETENCE

All training products and activities of the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program are designed to promote culturally competent child welfare practice throughout Ohio.

Cultural competence is the understanding of how values, beliefs, attitudes and traditions influence one's own and other people's behaviors; the understanding of the content and dynamics of specific cultures, including one's own; and the ability to use this knowledge to work productively with people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

We believe that a comprehensive initiative through in-service training can help our service system meet the multiple and diverse needs of our clients.



QUESTIONS??? If you are in doubt about the content of a workshop, directions to a training site, training requirements or any training matter, call **513-946-1263**.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING SITES

ADAMS COUNTY WILSON CHILDREN'S HOME

(937-544-2511)
300 North Wilson Drive,
West Union, OH 45693

Training will take place at new location at 300 North Wilson Drive. Take I-275 toward Oh-32. Take exit #63B/Batavia to Oh-32E. Turn R on OH-247. Turn L on W. Main Street (Oh-125).

BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Clermont County
402 W. Plane Street

Take 275 to the Beechmont/Amelia exit. Travel East on SR 125 (Beechmont Ave.) through Amelia and continue to Bethel. Go straight at the first light in Bethel. The church is about ½ mile on the left. The address is 402 W. Plane Street.

BROWN COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Georgetown, OH 45121
(937) 378-6104 ext. 146

Brown County Job and Family Services is located at 775 Mt. Orab Pike. Heading east on OH 125 to left on South Main Street. Continue on South Main Street, bear to the right after approximately 1 mile. JFS will be on the right.

BUTLER COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

(513) 887-4351
Hamilton, OH 45011

Butler County Children Services is located at 300 North Fair Avenue in Hamilton. From I-275, take the Hamilton/Fairfield (Route 4) exit and turn right (north). Go north on Route 4 about three miles to the Route 4 Bypass. Take the Bypass to Tylersville Road. Go left on Tylersville Road for three miles to Fair Avenue. Go right on Fair Avenue three blocks to Children's Services..

CLERMONT COUNTY

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

(513) 732-7765
Batavia, OH 45103

Clermont County DJFS is located at 2400 Clermont Center Drive in Batavia. From I-275, take Route 32 exit and go east. Stay on Route 32 for about 7 miles and then turn left onto Bauer Road (light with McDonalds on right). About 1/4 mile on Bauer, turn right onto Clermont Center Drive and go to the Medical/Social Services building for parking. Enter the front door near the flagpole and go to Room 103 on the ground floor. Suite 204-A is on the second floor. Go left when exiting the elevator.

CLINTON COUNTY

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

1025 S. South Street, Suite 300
Wilmington, OH 45177
(937) 382-5935, ext. 1313

Clinton County Children's Services is located in Wilmington. From I-71, take Wilmington exit #45. Go east on State Route 73. Stay on 73 as it will turn into Main Street. Continue on Main Street until you find South Street (Center of Downtown). Turn right onto South Street and go approximately 5 blocks. Turn right into the Community Services Parking Lot. Children's Services is in the Social Services Building. Enter the Video Conference Center.

DIRECTIONS TO TRAINING SITES

THE FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER, HILLSBORO

*111 Crestwood Drive
Hillsboro, OH 45133*

The Family Advocacy Center is located at 111 Crestwood Drive, Hillsboro, OH. Coming from Cincinnati: 50 East to Hillsboro, Turn right on S. East Street to 5 way stop light. Go straight on State Route 247. Crestwood is 3rd street on left. Family Advocacy Center is at the end of Crestwood Drive. Parking in back.

SWORTC REGIONAL SITE

*Northeast Commerce Center
420 Wards Corner Road—Suite J
Loveland, OH 45140*

From the West: Take I-275 East (northern portion of I-275) to the Wards Corner Road Exit (#54). Go south on Wards Corner. Turn right into the Northeast Commerce Center (420 Wards Corner Rd). The SWORTC is at the rear corner of the building.

From the East: Take I-275 West (northern portion of I-275) to the Wards Corner Road Exit (#54). Go south on Wards Corner. Turn right into the Northeast Commerce Center (420 Wards Corner Rd). The SWORTC is at the rear corner of the building.

WARREN COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES

*416 South East St.
Lebanon, Ohio 45036*

From I-71, take Rt. 48 exit; go north on exit (towards Lebanon) for a couple of miles; turn left on Cook Road, turn right on Justice Drive, turn right on East Street; next driveway is the agency; park behind yellow brick building at the door on the left side of building (as one faces the building); take stairs up to second floor; conference room is first room to the left.

906-PS6-S: Preventing and De-escalating Crisis (3 Hours)

This workshop explores the triggers that might generate feelings of anger or fear in the caregiver or the child, resulting in family conflict. Techniques to resolve conflict through win/win, rather than win/lose, negotiation, will be presented and practiced. Participants will learn strategies to prevent crisis from developing and will learn methods to de-escalate crisis, if necessary, while keeping all family members safe.

907-PS7-S: Cultural Issues in Placement (3 Hours)

This workshop presents an overview of culture and the ways in which our values and codes of conduct are impacted by culture. Participants learn to separate culture from race and learn to identify the many and complex ingredients of cultural identity. Caregivers will also learn methods to more successfully parent a child from a culture different than their own.

908-PS8-S: Understanding Primary Families (3 Hours)

This workshop provides information about the losses experienced by birth families, expected behaviors of grieving birth parents, and ways to work effectively with birth families along a continuum of contact. A birth parent speaks to the training group about his/her experiences with foster care.

909-PS9-S: Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused (3 Hours)

This workshop examines the definition and dynamics of sexual abuse of children. The workshop also prepares prospective parents to develop an awareness of the characteristics of caregivers that lead to success in parenting children who have been sexually abused.

910-PS10-S: Effects of Caregiving on the Caregiver's Family (3 Hours)

This workshop examines the impact of foster care/ adoption/ kinship care on the family system. The workshop also enables prospective parents to develop effective coping strategies and survival plans.

911-PS11-S: Permanency for Children (3 Hours)

This workshop examines the effect of long-term separation from the birth family (either by adoption or long term foster care) on children. The workshop will explain some "triggers" that may exacerbate difficulties of children experiencing these long-term separations.

912 -PS12-S: Permanency for Families (3 Hours)

This workshop examines the impact of adoption issues for adoptive parents on the family system. The workshop also explores techniques of talking with the child(ren) about their adoptive status and difficult birth histories. This workshop will present the typical stages of adoptive family adjustment following placement. Finally, information about post adoption services is shared with prospective parents.

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

ADAMS & BROWN COUNTY – Brown County Job and Family Services—775
Mt. Orab Pike; Georgetown, OH—Call Courtney Meder to register — (937) 378-6104 ext.146
Trainer: *Eugene Smiley & Debra McMullen*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section(s) Covered</u>
Saturday, Mar. 26	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902
Saturday, Apr. 2	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Saturday, Apr. 9	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906
Saturday, Apr. 16	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Saturday, Apr. 23	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910
Saturday, Apr. 30	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912

BUTLER COUNTY—300 North Fair Drive, Hamilton, OH
Call Carrie Jones to register at (513) 785-5920
Trainer: *Beverly Morris*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section(s) Covered</u>
Tuesday, April 26	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901
Thursday, April 28	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	902
Tuesday, May 3	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	903
Thursday, May 5	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	904
Tuesday, May 10	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	905
Thursday, May 12	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	906
Tuesday, May 17	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	907
Thursday, May 19	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	908
Tuesday, May 24	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	909
Thursday, May 26	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	910
Tuesday, May 31	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	911
Thursday, June 2	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	912

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

CLERMONT COUNTY—2400 Clermont Center Drive, Batavia, OH
Call Leslie Fehlinger to register — (513) 732-7765
Trainer: *Eugene Smiley*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Sessions Covered</u>
Tuesday, May 3	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	901
Thursday, May 5	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	902
Saturday, May 7	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	903
Saturday, May 7	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	904
Tuesday, May 10	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	905
Thursday, May 12	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	906
Saturday, May 14	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	907
Saturday, May 14	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	908
Tuesday, May 17	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	909
Thursday, May 19	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	910
Saturday, May 21	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	911
Saturday, May 21	4:30 PM to 7:30 PM	912
Tuesday, May 24	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM	913

CLINTON/HIGHLAND/FAYETTE—Clinton County JFS, Wilmington, OH
Call Lisa Massie to register — (937) 382-5935. ext. 1313
Trainer: *Beverly Morris*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Session (s) Covered</u>
Wednesday, April 6	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	901
Monday, April 11	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	902
Monday, April 18	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	903
Monday, April 25	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	904
Monday, May 2	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	905
Monday, May 9	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	906
Monday, May 16	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	907
Monday, May 23	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	908
Monday, June 6	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	909
Monday, June 13	6:15 PM to 9:15 PM	910
Saturday, June 18	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM	911
Saturday, June 18	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM	912

PRE-SERVICE TRAINING

WARREN COUNTY—416 South East Street, Lebanon, OH

Call Christy Clough to Register—513-695-1526

Trainer: *Beverly Morris*

There is no Preservice Training Offered this Quarter.

REGIONAL TRAINING—Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center —420 Wards Corner, Loveland, Ohio Suite J —To Register Call—513-946-1145

Trainers: *Val Larkin, Eugene Smiley and Debra McMullen*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Section (s) Covered</u>
Friday, June 3	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	901 & 902
Saturday, June 4	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	903 & 904
Sunday, June 5	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	905 & 906
Friday, June 10	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	907 & 908
Saturday, June 11	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	909 & 910
Sunday, June 12	9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	911 & 912

Online Training Opportunity

Online Training Opportunity?

Interested in earning training credit hours in the convenience of your home? Foster Parents can use “outside” offered trainings as one third of their overall training credit. Online Training is a great way to accomplish this. Below you will find three commonly used foster parent training websites.

www.fosterparentcollege.com -online training for foster, adoptive, kinship, and birth parents. These interactive courses provide valuable information, insights and advice from experts on dealing with serious child behavior problems. There are two types of courses that are available:

1. ***Instructor Led***—this course is more in-depth and allows for interaction between online participants and the instructor. The length of this course is several hours over the period of 3 weeks. Completion of this workshop is worth (six) training hours. During this workshop, participants will use a discussion board and at the end they will complete a questionnaire, complete assigned exercises and email their final completed assignment.
2. ***Self Directed***—this course focuses on a specific behavioral problem or emotional disorder. This is self-directed which means participants can complete the course at their own pace as long as it is completed in 30 days. The length of the course will take about (two) hours and will provide (two) hours of training credit. The discussion board is optional in this course.

The OCWTP is now offering “free” classes. Please contact SWORTC at 513-946-1263 to become registered to take a class today!

www.fosterclub.org - The FosterClub Training Library is designed to offer free CEUs (continuing education units) in a convenient manner that fits your own schedule. Free to registered participants

www.fosterparents.com - FCAC Online Training offers 95 courses (2 interactive) with new topics added continuously. Each course is available for a fee - fees start at \$4.00 and up

Pamphlet Training Opportunity

Pamphlet/Booklet Training Opportunity



Interested in earning training credit hours in the convenience of your home? In addition to online training, Foster Parents can earn training credit through approved reading materials. Pamphlet/Booklet Trainings are considered “outside offered” trainings. This means the credit hours obtained from the pamphlet readings must not exceed one third of the overall training credit. *For example: If you are interested in taking courses online and pamphlet trainings, you must not exceed thirteen hours (1/3) of total training credit, for your two year recertification period.*

Each reading pamphlet is worth (one) credit hour. It’s easy as 1-2-3! Complete the reading, fill out a questionnaire form and return the materials to your licensing agency. Below you will find a listing of all available pamphlets. *Please contact (513) 946-1263 for more details.*

1. Cyber bullying: Keeping your child safe
2. Teen Behavior: What parents should know
3. Parenting Children with Disabilities
4. When Your Teenagers Act Their Age
5. Help Me Overcome my Fears
6. Helping children’s developing brains
7. Helping Your child Learn Through Play: A guide for parents of preschoolers
8. Helping Your Teen Succeed: In high school and beyond
9. Thinking Skills & Language Development from Birth to age 3
10. Child Development Birth to 3 years
11. Child Development 3 to 6 years
12. Child Development 9 to 12 years
13. Girls & Bullying—What parents should know about relational aggression

**980
Professional Boundaries**

Monday, April 4
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:
Adams County Children Services

This workshop provides caregivers the skills to improve communication with all stakeholders. It provides the caregiver with an understanding of the limits that they must put upon themselves in their helping relationships. This training provides actual case examples and poses ethical relationship situations. Both the new and more mature parents can benefit from this core skill of all professional “helpers.”

Competencies Addressed: 980-02-001; 980-02-002; 980-02-003; 980-02-004; 980-02-005; 980-02-006; 950-01-001; 950-01-002; 950-01-003; 950-01-004; 950-01-005; 950-01-006; 950-02-001; 950-02-002; 950-02-003; 950-02-004; 950-02-005

Presenter: David Zidar, BSW, MSSA

David Zidar has been working in child welfare since 1982 as an administrator, trainer, and therapist. He worked in Cleveland for 13 years before moving to Kentucky, where he served as vice president for residential services at PCWA, one of the largest providers of residential treatment services in Kentucky. He also has worked in public agencies at the executive level.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**941
Fostering Self-Reliance in Children & Youth: Roots and Wings**

Saturday, May 14
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
Adams County Children Services

Parents must equip their children to survive on their own by the time they reach adulthood. The process of enhancing a child’s ability to be self-reliant begins around 18 months of age and continues into adulthood. Parents begin this process with the simplest learning opportunities in daily living skills; they increase the complexity of the activities and skills as the child matures. Building self-reliant adults is an intentional process. This workshop gives parents and caregivers specific tools to foster self-reliance in children of all ages and developmental levels.

Competencies Addressed: 941-01-001, 941-02-001, 927-02-001, 928-02-001

Presenter: Melvin Gravely

Mel Gravely has had over twenty years of experience in training and consulting work. He is also a foster parent.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

924

Boundaries with Kids

Saturday, May 21
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Registration Deadline: 5/13/11

Location:

Brown County Children Services

In this workshop, you will learn when to say “yes” and when to say “no” to help your children gain control of their lives. We will also discuss the “Ten Laws of Boundaries” that deal with kids under the age of 12:

- The Law of Sowing and Reaping
- The Law of Responsibility
- The Law of Power
- The Law of Respect
- The Law of Motivation
- The Law of Elevation
- The Law of Pro-activity
- The Law of Envy
- The Law of Activity
- The Law of Exposure

We will end the day with discussing the six steps to implementing boundaries with your kids.

Competencies Addressed: 925-01-001, 925-02-002, 925-02-015, 925-03-002, 925-03-003, 925-03-004, 928-02-007, 989-02-001, 989-02-002, 989-02-003, 989-02-004, 989-02-007, 994-04-012

Presenter: John Ward, M.A., C.C.D.C.I.

John Ward is a social worker and therapeutic foster parent. He and his wife have foster children and two biological children in his home at this time.

Note: Training is held based upon the number of registrations received. Please register early.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

925

Avoiding Automatic Negative Thoughts a.k.a. ANTs

Tuesday, June 28
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Registration Deadline: 6/21/11

Location:

Brown County Children Services

ANTs: Those "Automatic Negative Thoughts" that bug your mind and hinder your relationships with your kids. Come and explore practical and creative methods of exterminating these ANTs in order to have a healthier, happier relationship with your kids and others.

Competencies Addressed: 925-02-003, 925-03-009, 925-03-001, 925-03-003, 925-03-006, 925-03-008, 926-02-008 & 926-02-009

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Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**921
Caregiver Toolkit: Reality Therapy
with Foster Children**

Monday, April 18
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:
Butler County Job and Family Services

This class reviews the fundamentals of Reality Therapy and its potential applications in out of home care. Strategies for creating a strength focused environment of alignment and engagement with children will be shared. Finally, the efficacy of assertive individual and family communication and behavior will be explored.

Competencies Addressed: 921-1, 921-2, 921-9, 921-10, 963-1 & 963-6

Presenter: Brian D. Lowery MPA, LSW

Brian Lowery has been an instructor in the child welfare field for the past 25 years. He is a State Licensed Social Worker and recipient of the prestigious “Rising Star Award” for 2008 from OCWTP and Trainer of the Year for the Northeast Region in 2009. Brian is a sought after consultant and trainer with child welfare organizations throughout the Midwest.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

**980
Spanish to Go**

Saturday, April 23
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
Butler County Job and Family Services

This workshop will enhance the participants’ Spanish Language skills through discussing, practicing and drilling exercises relevant to the foster parenting profession within the context of culture and communication styles. Participants need to be prepared to actively participate in the session.

Some knowledge of Spanish preferred.

Attendees must have a great interest in learning the survival skills in the language since there are going to be many challenging opportunities to practice the most important skills.

Competencies Addressed: 980-02-001; 980-02-003; 980-02-004; 981-01-008; 981-01-009; 981-02-004

Presenter: Gloria Milord, B.S.W., M.S.W.

Gloria Rodriguez-Milord has worked with children and families for over 20 years. She is a native of Panama and is currently the Coordinator of Therapeutic Foster Care at Beech Acres in Cincinnati. She is also a founding member and the President of the Board of Directors of Su Casa Hispanic Ministry Center, the past President of the Adoption Awareness Alliance, and an advisory board member of the Council of Latino Executives of the Child Welfare League of America and Gloria serves on several other boards and committees.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

ONGOING TRAINING—BUTLER COUNTY

**981
Understanding Generation Y & the
Influence of Hip Hop Culture**

Saturday, May 28
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
Butler County Job and Family Services

This class takes an exploratory view of Generation Y (the 50 million young people between the ages of 5 - 18) and the influence of Hip - Hop culture on their ideas, beliefs, and the values that make up their world view. Knowledge of Hip Hop culture can help bridge the Generation Gap, opening the lines of communication and understanding. Parents will learn empathetic approaches to relate with today's youth and build stronger relationships through communication.

Competencies Addressed: 981-01-001; 981-01-002; 981-01-008

Presenter: Anthony President, B.A., LLC

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Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed
Through A Public Children's Services Agency

**991
Modules IV & V: Building a Safe
Place & Dealing with Feelings and
Behaviors**

Saturday, June 11
9:00AM to 12:00PM

Location:
Butler County Job and Family Services

This workshop will help trainees understand the difference between physical and psychological safety. It will introduce the key components of a safety message and how to deliver an effective safety message to children who have experienced trauma. Participants will also learn techniques to help children cope with trauma reminders.

This workshop also introduces participants to the Cognitive Triangle and the impact of trauma on children's thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. Participants will learn techniques for helping traumatized children understand and control their emotional and behavioral reactions.

Competencies Addressed: 991-02-001; 991-02-002; 991-02-003; 991-2-005, 991-03-001; 991-03-002

Presenter: Patricia McCollum, L.S.W.

Pat McCollum is a certified Domestic Violence Counselor, a Forensic Counselor and licensed foster parent. She is an Adjunct Instructor for the University of Cincinnati and has worked in the medical field for over twenty years.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through
A Public Children's Services Agency

923

Modules VI & VII: Connections and Healing & Becoming an Advocate

Saturday, June 11
1:00PM to 4:00PM

Location:

Butler County Job and Family Services

This workshop explains how children form their identity through connections. It explores trauma’s impact on the child’s family and how family members can respond differently. Care-givers will understand why it is important for children to talk about their traumatic experiences and how they can make the child feel safe while sharing.

This workshop will also help caregivers feel empowered as trauma-informed care providers and as advocates for the children in their care. They will understand the need for, and the role of, trauma-informed professionals on the child’s treatment team.

Competencies Addressed: 991-03-004; 991-03-005; 991-04-001; 991-04-004

Presenter: Patricia McCollum, L.S.W.

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Participants:

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925

Speaking the Truth in Love

Tuesday, June 14
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

Butler County Job and Family Services

We often speak truth, but not always in a loving way. At other times we show love by holding back truth. Either way, we lose genuineness in relationships. In this course, you will learn proven practical applications that will help you “Speak the Truth in Love” to restore and deepen stalled or conflictive relationships especially with your teen as well as learn to improve your ability to help others by becoming more genuine, focused, and confident in your confrontations with others. You will also learn to increase your ability to:

- Ask questions that create deeper insight.
- Help others set and reach healthy goals.
- Confront in love and restore damaged trust

Competencies Addressed: 925-01-001 925-02-002, 925-03-001; 925-03-003, 926-05-002; 926-05-003; 926-05-005; 926-05-006; 926-05-008; 926-05-009

Presenter: John Ward, M.A., C.C.D.C.I.

John Ward is a social worker and therapeutic foster parent. He and his wife have foster children and two biological children in his home at this time.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services

ONGOING TRAINING—CLERMONT COUNTY

**922
Confronting Conflict**

Thursday, April 21
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:
Bethel United Methodist Church

Specially designed to help you gain insight into how to change the way you react and manage conflict when it occurs. You will learn to:

- Examine emotional triggers and relational habits that perpetuate and deepen conflict;
- Learn the essential processes and practical skills needed to gracefully manage and resolve most conflicts;
- What to do when facing tense situations and angry people.

Competencies Addressed: 922-01-012—922-01-014; 922-01-019; 923-01-001; 923-01-007; 923-01-009—923-01-011; 980-02-001—980-02-006

Presenter: John Ward, MCC, LCDC III

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Participants:

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**947
Teamwork for Caseworkers & Foster Parents**

Saturday, April 30
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
Clermont County Job and Family Services

This workshop provides caregivers and caseworkers the skills to improve communication with all stakeholders. Participants will gain skills to prevent children from playing caregivers against each other, the birth family or the county worker. It will also help plan for cooperation with hot button issues such as visits and the holidays. It will also help children, caseworkers and foster parents be able to communicate effectively so that the children in their care will grow into healthy adulthood.

Competencies Addressed: 947-01-002; 948-01-007; 949-03-010; 950-01-004; 980-02-001; 980-02-002; 980-02-003; 980-02-004; 980-02-005; 980-02-006

Presenter: David Zidar, BSW, MSSA

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Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

CLERMONT COUNTY

991
Module VIII: Taking Care of Yourself

Thursday, May 19
 6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:
 Bethel United Methodist Church

This workshop explores the definitions and warning signs of compassion fatigue and secondary traumatic stress. Participants will identify specific self-care techniques and develop a self-care plan for preventing secondary traumatic stress.

Competencies Addressed: 991-05-001; 991-05-003; 991-05-004

Presenter: Debra McMullen

Debra McMullen is an Independent Trainer from Cincinnati, OH. Her many years of experience as a birth, foster and adoptive parent supports her knowledge in the field of adult/child relationships.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

924
924-FF7-S: Understanding & Building Attachment

Saturday, June 4
 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
 Clermont County Job and Family Services

This workshop focuses on the initiation and development of attachment in children, and is designed for licensed foster caregivers with placement experience. The first half of the training distinguishes characteristics of secure attachment from those of insecure attachment, and provides information on how the crisis created by separation and placement impacts and is impacted by the child's attachment pattern. Because research demonstrates that the most consistent predictors of secure attachment are caregiver variables, the last half of the workshop presents a template for parenting children with insecure attachment. Participants will be provided with case scenarios and asked to consider attachment patterns and formulate strategies to maintain/build attachment with their foster children.

Competencies Addressed: 924-01-001—924-01-007; 924-01-009; 924-03-001—924-03-006; 925-02-008; 926-02-006

Presenter: Patricia McCollum, L.S.W.

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Participants:

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ONGOING TRAINING—CLERMONT COUNTY

925

Almost Frazzled Free Parenting

Thursday, June 16
6:30PM to 8:30PM

Location:

Bethel United Methodist Church

Desiring less drama, less trauma, and less frazzled nerves? Whether you're a new foster parent or you've been around the block a few times, come and discover fun and practical skills that will help you take the "frazzle" out of parenting.

Competencies Addressed: 925-02-001, 925-02-003, 925-02-007, 925-02-008, 925-02-009, 925-03-001, 925-03-002, 925-03-003, 925-03-005, 925-03-006, 925-03-008, 925-03-010, 926-04-001, 926-04-005, 926-04-006, 926-04-008, 926-04-009, 989-02-001, 989-02-003, 989-02-004, 989-02-007

Presenter: John Ward, M.A., C.C.D.C.I.

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To Register Call
Leslie Fehlinger (513) 732-7765

ONGOING TRAINING—CLINTON COUNTY

943

Dealing with the Impact of Early Sexual Trauma

Tuesday, April 5
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

Clinton County Children Services

Foster parents are frequently asked to care for children who have been sexually traumatized earlier in their lives. Parents in this class will learn about the potential impact of early trauma on current behavior and learn skills to help them interact and intervene in ways that are helpful. This class will take parents through the developmental stages of childhood to provide them with the needed skills at each level. This class is full of practical skills that parents will start to apply that day.

Competencies Addressed: 943-04-001, 943-04-004, 943-03-005, 943-04-006

Presenter: David Zidar, BSW, MSSA

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Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

To Register Call
Lisa Massie (937) 382-5935 ext. 113

948
Shifting Gears: Adopting Your Foster Child

Saturday, May 7
 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
 Clinton County Children Services

The decision to adopt your kinship or foster child is important for everyone involved. It means that while many things stay the same, other things change. This six hour workshop looks at the decision making process and the differences between kinship of foster care and adoption. We will look at the feelings, issues and behaviors of everyone impacted by the change. We will also talk about ways to celebrate and help a child understand that they are part of your family forever. Finally, we will look at some normal issues adoptive families face including psychological issues, talking to the child about adoption, using the Lifebook, working with the school and community and openness in adoption.

Competencies Addressed: 948-01-001, 948-01-002, 948-01-004, 948-01-005, 948-01-007, 948-01-008, 948-02-001, 949-03-005, 949-03-007, 949-03-008, 949-03-009, 949-03-011, 949-04-001, 949-04-003, 949-04-001

Presenter: Beverly Morris, LISW

Bev Morris is an independent trainer from Cincinnati. She has 10 years of experience in child welfare at Hamilton County FJS, including seven years in adoptions.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

926
926-FF9-S: Foster Families and How They Grow: Understanding the Effects of Fostering

Saturday, June 25
 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
 Clinton County Children Services

This workshop, specifically designed for licensed foster caregivers in the early years of their foster care development, will assist foster caregivers in understanding and dealing with the challenges unique to fostering. New foster caregivers will learn about emerging roles and barriers to fulfilling those roles. The workshop will present stages of foster family adjustment and will explore the changing family relationships for everyone touched by the challenge of foster care. Finally, the workshop will identify stressors and assist foster caregivers in developing strategies to build a healthy fostering experience.

Competencies Addressed: 922-02-006; 926-01-001—926-01-005; 926-01-007; 926-02-002—926-02-004; 926-02-006—926-02-008; 926-03-001; 926-03-005; 927-02-001

Presenter: Debra McMullen

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Participants:

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ONGOING TRAINING—HIGHLAND COUNTY

HIGHLAND COUNTY

989

Boundaries with Teens

Saturday, April 16
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:

The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

Teenagers! You love them to pieces but sometimes you feel like the pieces are falling apart. Discover how your teenager thinks and learn how to apply principles to specific problems. Boundaries with Teens can help you establish wise and loving limits that can make a positive difference in your teen, in your family and in you.

Competencies Addressed: 989-02-001, 989-02-002, 989-02-003, 989-02-004, 989-02-007, 925-01-001, 925-02-002, 925-02-015, 925-03-002, 925-03-003, 925-03-004, 928-02-007, 994-04-012

Presenter: John Ward, M.A., C.C.D.C.I.

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Participants:

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925

Almost Frazzled Free Parenting

Thursday, May 19
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

Desiring less drama, less trauma, and less frazzled nerves? Whether you're a new foster parent or you've been around the block a few times, come and discover fun and practical skills that will help you take the "frazzle" out of parenting.

Competencies Addressed: 925-02-001, 925-02-003, 925-02-007, 925-02-008, 925-02-009, 925-03-001, 925-03-002, 925-03-003, 925-03-005, 925-03-006, 925-03-008, 925-03-010, 926-04-001, 926-04-005, 926-04-006, 926-04-008, 926-04-009, 989-02-001, 989-02-003, 989-02-004, 989-02-007

Presenter: John Ward, M.A., C.C.D.C.I.

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Participants:

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989**Relax, it's Only a Crisis**

Thursday, June 23
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

The Advocacy Center, Hillsboro

Foster parents, casework staff and others will learn the stages and patterns of a crisis. Participants will learn ways to manage their own behavior to better improve outcomes. They will also learn professional use of self and families patterns of crisis.

Competencies Addressed: 989-01-001, 989-02-001, 989-02-002, 989-02-003, 989-02-004, 989-02-005, 989-02-006, 989-02-007, 945-01-001, 945-01-002, 945-01-003, 945-01-004, 945-01-005, 945-01-006, 945-01-007, 945-01-008, 945-02-001, 945-02-002, 945-02-003, 945-02-004, 945-02-005, 945-02-006, 945-02-007, 945-02-008, 945-02-009, 945-02-010

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Participants:

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**To Register Call
Lynn Boose
(937) 393-3111**

ONGOING TRAINING— WARREN COUNTY

947

Financial Resources for Foster Parents Considering Adoption: Adoption Subsidies, Tax Credits, Work place Benefits, College Tuition...

Saturday, April 2
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:

Warren County Children Services

Participants will learn about the eligibility criteria and procedures to apply for each of the four types of subsidies available to families. Participants will receive an overview of the federal and state adoption that many businesses offer. They will also explore that financial help that may be available for their foster or adopted teens as they explore colleges.

Competencies Addressed: 947-03-001, 947-03-008

Presenter: Rhonda Abban, MSW, LISW

Rhonda Abban has worked in the field of child welfare for 30 years with primary focus on permanency for children. She has held positions including adoption caseworker at Franklin County Children Services, adoption supervisor and most recently Foster Care Licensing and Adoption Section Chief at Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

922

Do You Feel Me? Listening to, Talking & Problem Solving with Your Foster Child

Tuesday, April 19
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

Warren County Children Services

"Seek ye first to understand...then to be understood". Pretty good advice; but does this apply to our children? You better believe it! Underpowered foster children desperately need someone to truly understand the feelings they are experiencing. This class will explore the importance of understanding, share practical strategies to achieve this goal and offer a helpful family problem solving paradigm.

Competencies Addressed: 922-01-013, 922-01-014, 922-01-019, 928-01-005, 928-01-008, 928-01-015, 928-01-017, 928-01-018

Presenter: Brian Lowery, MPA, LSW, CDCA

Brian Lowery has been an instructor in the child welfare field for the past 25 years. He is a State Licensed Social Worker and recipient of the prestigious "Rising Star Award" for 2008 from OCWTP and Trainer of the Year for the Northeast Region in 2009. Brian is a sought after consultant and trainer with child welfare organizations throughout the Midwest.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

WARREN COUNTY

991
Module VII & VIII: Becoming an Advocate & Taking Care of Yourself

Tuesday, May 3
 6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:
 Warren County Children Services

This combined three hour workshop will help caregivers feel empowered as trauma informed care providers and as advocates for the children in their care. They will understand the need for and the role of, trauma-informed professionals on the child’s treatment team. The second half of the workshop will explore the definitions and warning signs of compassion fatigue and secondary traumatic stress. Participants will identify specific self-care techniques and develop a self-care plan for preventing secondary traumatic stress.

Competencies Addressed: 991-04-001, 991-04-004, 991-05-001, 991-05-003, 991-05-004

Presenter: Patricia McCollum, LSW

Patricia McCollum is a certified Domestic Violence Counselor, a Forensic Counselor and licensed foster parent. She is an Adjunct Instructor for the University of Cincinnati and has worked in the medical field for over twenty years.

Participants:
 Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

926
Keep Your Cool

Saturday, May 21
 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
 Warren County Children Services

This informative workshop explores myths and bubbles over with practical ideas *you* can use immediately. Discover the two simple steps for helping *any* child create an individualized stress and anger management plan. Learn the secrets of *preventing* stress & anger build-ups. Get dozens of ideas for appropriate ways children and adults can express anger appropriately and practical tips for defusing and redirecting an angry child.

Competencies Addressed: 926-02-004; 926-02-005; 926-02-007; 926-03-001; 926-03-002; 926-04-004; 948-02-009; 928-01-003; 952-03-003

Presenter: Jody Johnston Pawel, LSW, CFLE

Jody Johnston Pawel is president of Parent’s Toolshop Consulting and a second-generation parent educator with almost 30 years’ experience in the field of child protective services. For over 25 years, she has provided training for parents, foster parents, child-care professionals, family-service professionals and parent educators.

Participants:
 Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children’s Services Agency

ONGOING TRAINING— WARREN COUNTY

WARREN COUNTY

**925
Avoiding Automatic Negative Thoughts**

Thursday, June 2
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:
Warren County Children Services

ANTs: Those "Automatic Negative Thoughts" that bug your mind and hinder your relationships with your kids. Come and explore practical and creative methods of exterminating these ANTs in order to have a healthier, happier relationship with your kids and others.

Competencies Addressed: 925-02-003; 925-02-009; 925-03-001; 925-03-003; 925-03-006; 925-03-008; 926-02-008; 926-02-009

Presenter: John Ward, M.A., C.C.D.C.I.

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Participants:
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**926
Power of Negotiation**

Saturday, June 18
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:
Warren County Children Services

What is a Caregiver to do when they do not agree with Teachers, Social Workers, or Service providers on what is in the best interest of a child in care? How can you present your ideas in a professional manner in a formal meeting or hearing? Power Negotiation is a dynamic process that can be used in meetings to engage and collaborate with the professionals involved in your child's life. Learn to effectively express your point of view via principled argument to get the results you need for your child while maintaining working relationships with the other professionals involved in the case.

Competencies Addressed: 926-02-004; 926-02-005; 926-02-007; 926-03-001; 926-03-002; 926-04-004; 948-02-009; 928-01-003; 952-03-003

Presenter: Anthony President, B.A., LLC

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Participants:
Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

949

Baby, Sister and Me, a Plea to Keep Siblings Connected

Saturday, April 2
9:00AM to 4:00PM

Location:

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J
Loveland, Ohio

The *longest* relationship any of us will have in our lives is with our siblings. From cradle to grave, siblings can be a constant relationship that we can depend on for social support. For children who have experienced Child Maltreatment, the sibling relationships may be the *strongest* relationships they have. Unfortunately, 75% of siblings placed into Foster Care end up living apart (Child Welfare Information Gateway.) Foster & Adoptive Siblings need opportunities to bond with their siblings who live outside of their homes. This workshop takes an exploratory view of the unique bond abused siblings share and strategies for Caregivers to keep siblings connected.

Competencies Addressed: 949-01-001, 949-01-002, 949-01-003, 949-01-005

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Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

925

The Power of New Shoes: Healing the Tired Feet of Runaway Youth

Thursday, April 7
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J
Loveland, Ohio

The goal of this workshop is to help foster and adoptive parents better understand the causes of youth runaway behavior, the risk factors for youth who are homeless, and the parental communication styles that can help prevent runaway episodes. A secondary goal is to educate parents about local, state, and national resources that can help bring youth to safety from the streets. This workshop also includes my personal experiences as a child incest survivor and former runaway youth.

Competencies Addressed: 925-01-002, 925-01-004, 925-01-007, 941-01-002

Presenter: Bonnie Bazill-Davis

Bonnie is an award-winning speaker dedicated to delivering life-saving messages about child abuse. Her personal triumph over childhood sexual abuse combined with her past clinical training as a counselor offers a powerful dual perspective of both survivor and professional helper.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

ONGOING TRAINING—REGIONAL TRAINING

925

How to Become an Even Better Parent

Tuesday, April 12
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J
Loveland, Ohio

REGIONAL TRAINING

This class covers the most troublesome aspects of parenthood. We will discuss real, sensible, down-to-earth guidance. Come, and discover how to restore your confidence in yourself, which will enable you to raise your foster children in a way that is better for them . . . and better for you!

This is a class that is guaranteed to make you laugh, and learn how to become a more relaxed, easy-going parent. This class is based off the work of Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D, a clinical psychologist who specializes in parenting solutions.

Competencies Addressed: 925-01-001; 925-01-002; 925-01-003; 925-01-005; 925-02-001; 925-02-002; 925-02-003; 925-02-005; 925-02-007; 925-02-008

Presenter: John Ward, M.A., C.C.D.C.I.

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Participants:

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995

Understanding Munchausen by Proxy Syndrome

Monday, May 2
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J
Loveland, Ohio

This workshop explores Munchausen by Proxy Syndrome (MBPS), a condition in which a person, usually a mother, deliberately and repeatedly exaggerates, fabricates, and/or induces a health problem in someone she is caring for, in this case a child, when the person is not really sick. Participants will come to know the causes, indicators, and prevalence of the disorder, how it is diagnosed, and preferred treatments. Participants will understand the impact of MBPS on the child and consider how to care for children who have been abused through MBPS. The workshop will offer information helpful for intervention and present the danger to be considered when perpetrators realize they are under suspicion.

Competencies Addressed: 995-04-008, 995-04-012; 995-05-005; 943-01-002; 943-02-002; 949-03-001

Presenter: Dr. Eugene Smiley, LSW, PCC

Gene Smiley is the President of LifeSpan Solutions, Inc., a private corporation providing counseling, mediation, consultation, and educational services to individuals, families and professional groups and organizations.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through A Public Children's Services Agency

947

Going Back Home: Perspectives on Family Reunification

Monday, May 23
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J
Loveland, Ohio

Foster parents will explore the foster child’s reunification with the birth family from several perspectives. Remembering that reunification is the primary permanency goal in classic foster care placement, participants will discuss the importance of family preservation for the child. They will grapple with the difficult process of saying good-bye to the child who has shared their heart and home; and ways to help the foster family deal with the loss of the child. They will consider what they can do to prepare the child for transition back to his/her family; and how foster parents, the caseworker, and the birth parent (s) can work together to assure a smooth and lasting transition back home. Participants will consider possible post-reunification roles they may be able to play in the life experience of the child.

Competencies Addressed: 947-01-001

Presenter: Dr. Eugene Smiley, LSW, PCC

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Participants:

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949

Impacting Visitation for Success

Thursday, June 16
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J
Loveland, Ohio

Visits between children in care and their primary family can be very much like a Dickens Novel- “The Best of Times and the Worst of Times”. Seeing birth parents on a visit may conjure up a vast array of emotions (from anger to joy) and questions (why did this happen to me?) from Children in care. Children may need help in making sense of their feelings and answers as to why they can not return with their parents. This workshop explores the positive and negative effects that visits may have on children in care and how Caregivers can help prepare children and their parents for visits and help them process the visit afterwards using empathetic communication techniques and active listening skills.

Competencies Addressed: 949-01-005; 949-02-004, 949-02-005, 949-02-007

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Participants:

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ONGOING TRAINING—REGIONAL TRAINING

949

Keeping Memories Alive: Creating a Life Book

Monday, June 20
6:00PM to 9:00PM

Location:

Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center
420 Wards Corner Road Suite J
Loveland, Ohio

REGIONAL TRAINING

Participants will learn how to effectively talk to placed or adoptive children about their histories with the birth family.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To identify ways to talk with adopted and placed children about their histories and birth family histories
- To help children understand the importance of connecting with their histories
- To understand that openness and honesty is critical to maintaining a placement
- To identify ways to help children search for their birth families
- To have knowledge of how creating a life book can be both uplifting and fun

Competencies Addressed: 949-03-001; 949-03-002; 949-03-003; 949-03-004; 949-03-005; 949-03-006; 949-03-010; 949-03-011

Presenter: Debra McMullen

Mrs. McMullen is an Independent Trainer from Cincinnati, OH. Her many years of experience as a birth, foster and adoptive parent supports her knowledge in the field of adult/child relationships.

Participants:

Foster and Adoptive Parents Licensed Through
A Public Children's Services Agency

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Interested in earning training credit hours in the convenience of your home? Foster Parents can use “outside” offered trainings as one third of their overall training credit. Online Training is a great way to accomplish this. Below you will find three commonly used foster parent training websites.

www.fosterparentcollege.com -online training for foster, adoptive, kinship, and birth parents. These interactive courses provide valuable information, insights and advice from experts on dealing with serious child behavior problems. There are two types of courses that are available:

1. **Instructor Led**—this course is more in-depth and allows for interaction between online participants and the instructor. The length of this course is several hours over the period of 3 weeks. Completion of this workshop is worth (six) training hours. During this workshop, participants will use a discussion board and at the end they will complete a questionnaire, complete assigned exercises and email their final completed assignment.
2. **Self Directed**—this course focuses on a specific behavioral problem or emotional disorder. This is self-directed which means participants can complete the course at their own pace as long as it is completed in 30 days. The length of the course will take about (two) hours and will provide (two) hours of training credit. The discussion board is optional in this course.

The OCWTP is now offering “free” classes. Please contact SWORTC at 513-946-1263 to become registered to take a class today!

www.fosterclub.org - The FosterClub Training Library is designed to offer free CEUs (continuing education units) in a convenient manner that fits your own schedule. Free to registered participants

www.fosterparents.com - FCAC Online Training offers 95 courses (2 interactive) with new topics added continuously. Each course is available for a fee - fees start at \$4.00 and up

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